古矢渚

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call.
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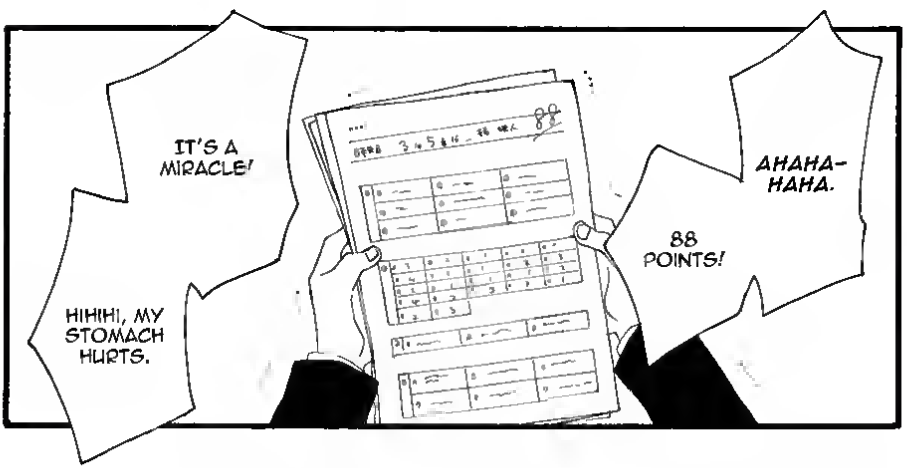
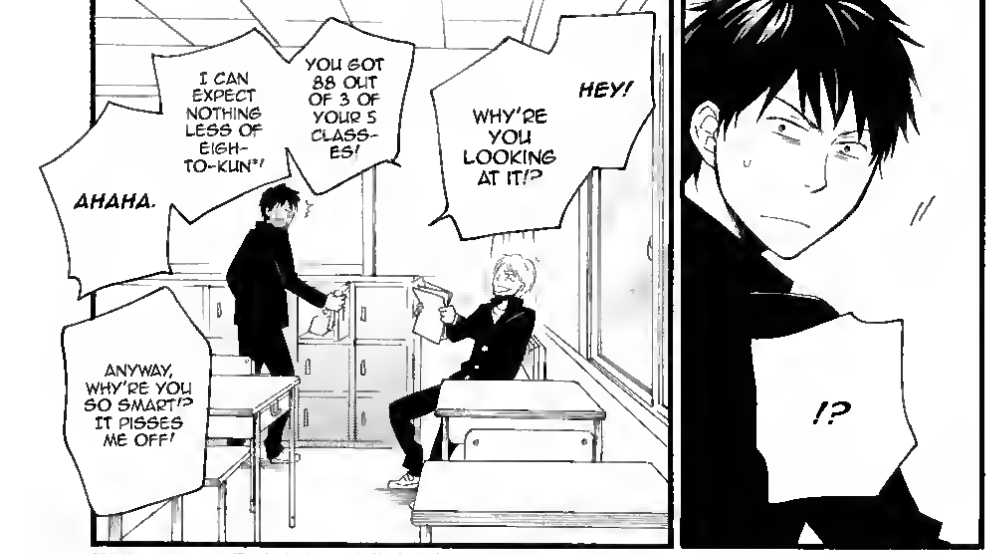
FURUYA
NAGISA
presents
number
call
12345679

Even after growing up, nothing's changed.

Honestly, it's a pain in the butt.




I CAN EXPECT NOTHING LESS OF EIGHT-TO-KUN*!
YOU GOT 88 OUT OF 3 OF YOUR 5 CLASSES!
AHAHA.
HEY!
WHY'RE YOU LOOKING AT IT!?
ANYWAY, WHY'RE YOU SO SMART!? IT PISSES ME OFF!
!?

T/N: His name reads 'Eito', which sounds like 'eight'

IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF YOU'D GOTTEN 88 IN ALL YOUR CLASSES. GETTING IT IN 3 OF THEM JUST SEEMS HALF-HEARTED.
THAT'S WHY I FEEL BAD FOR YOU.
THIS PISSES ME OFF!
YOU'RE SO LOUD! DON'T LET THE OTHERS KNOW.

I HATE IT WHEN YOU SAY THAT AND THEN DO IT.
FINE. THEN I'LL RETURN THEM TO YOU IN ORDER.
flutter
flutter
THEY'RE JUST TEST SCORES. WHO CARES.
HOW WHINY.
ANYWAY, DON'T GO THROUGH MY DESK!
YOU WORKED SO HARD AND THIS IS ALL YOU GOT?

whoosh
AH.
TEEHEE. LATERZ.
YOOOO UUUU.
...
HEY!
THONK
GOOD THING IT DIDN'T FLY OFF SOMEWHERE.
THERE IT IS.

OH.

SORRY,
I'M COMING TO GET THEM, SO COULD YOU PLEASE JUST LEAVE THEM THERE?
...OH.

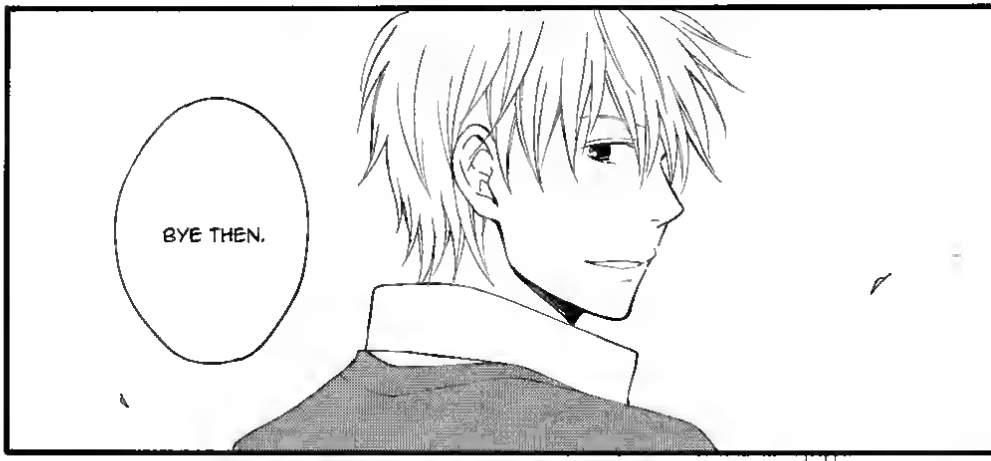
HUH?
WHY'S HE STILL THERE?
SORRY YOU HAD TO WAIT...
88
JAPANESE HISTORY. 88 POINTS.
TACHIBANA EITO.

THANKS FOR THAT.
EIGHTO GETTING 88 POINTS IS LIKE A JOKE.
HAHA.
WHY'S HE READING IT OUT LOUD?

OH...
IF I DIDN'T PICK IT UP, THE WIND WOULD'VE BLOWN IT SOMEWHERE ELSE.
WHAT? DON'T TELL ME HE STAYED HERE JUST TO SAY THAT?
IS HE MAKING FUN OF ME?

HUH?
ALSO, IT BROUGHT US CLOSER TOGETHER.

HUH?
OH,
THANKS.
HERE YOU GO.
...WHAT


BYE THEN.

CLOSER WHAT?
'CLOSER' ...
WHAT WAS THAT?

WHAT A WEIRDO.
squeak
EIGHTO.
I'M GOING TO GO GIVE THIS BACK. YOU HEAD DOWN FIRST.
OKAY.
OH.
I FORGOT TO GIVE THIS MANGA BACK.

?
AH!
SMACK
WOAH!

ARE YOU OK-...
...!?
realizing
tap
tap
AUGH, I'M SO SORRY.
I TOOK A TURN AND SLIPPED.
tap

AH!
HUH?
THE TEST GUY?
THANKS FOR THAT TIME.
WE MEET AGAIN.
IF I DROPPED THIS, IT WOULD'VE BEEN A DISASTER. THANKS, EIGHT-MAN
OH THANKS A LOT.
YOU SURE IT DIDN'T HIT YOU? ARE YOU OKAY?
NAH, I CAUGHT IT, SO IT'S FI-...
WAIT...EIGHT-MAN? IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE ME?
OH,
THERE YOU ARE.
HEY.
tap
tap
YEAH. SINCE IT'S FUNNY.
OH...

(T/N: 'hachi' also means 8. There are 3 main ways to say 8 in Japanese. 'hachi', 'ya' and the English 'ate'.)
YAMAM-ORI-SENSEI WAS CALLING YOU.
HACHI*.
DUNNO. BUT IT SEEMED LIKE IT'D BE FINE TO SEE HIM TO-MORROW IF YOU WEREN'T STILL HERE.
OKAY. I'LL GO NOW.
THANKS.
WHAT FOR?
HUH? REALLY?
SEE YA.
THANKS FOR THIS.
SQUEAK
OKAY. SEE YA, HACHI.
YEAH, SEE YOU TO-MORROW

...HACHI?
...

Hachiiii!?

ALSO, IT BROUGHT US CLOSER TOGETHER.
SO THAT'S WHAT HE MEAN.

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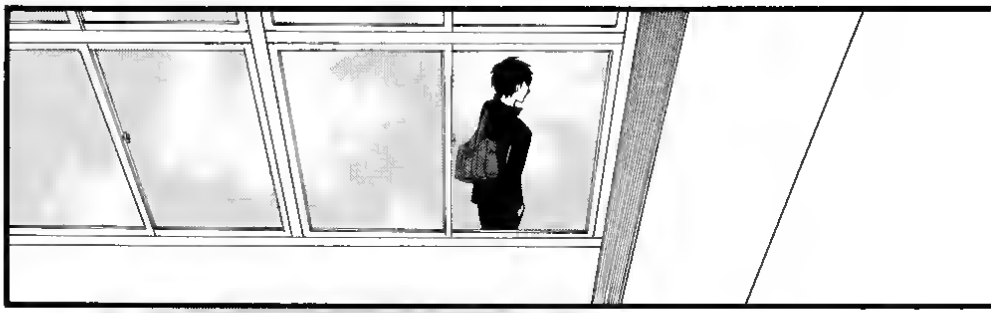
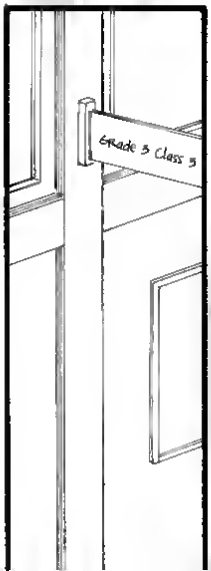



Grade 3 Class 3

HATTA TOMOYA.
SCIENCE PROGRAM 3RD YEAR, CLASS A
BORN OCTOBER 8TH.
UHH, NICK-NAMED 'HACHI'.
SPECIAL TALENTS INCLUDE MENTAL MATH...

....
I DON'T REALLY WANNA HEAR IT, SO WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, YO-KOI-KUN?

OKAY! IT'S BECAUSE YOU SEEMED LIKE YOU WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM YESTERDAY, SO YOURS TRULY DECIDED TO LOOK INTO IT FOR YOU!
sparkle
THANKS FOR THE QUICK ANSWER BUT I WANNA KNOW WHY!?

I WANNA BE A DETECTIVE WHEN I GROW UP.
LAST MONTH YOU WANTED TO BE AN ANNOUNCER.
HUMANS ARE PRONE TO CONSTANT CHANGE, YOU KNOW!?
UGH, YOU PISS ME OFF.
I DIDN'T EVEN ASK FOR IT. ACTUALLY, WERE YOU SPYING ON ME!?
I SHOULD'VE GONE TO ANOTHER SCHOOL.
I'M NOT BULLYING YOU I'M JUST HAVING A LITTLE FUN.
...CAN YOU JUST STOP BULLYING ME?
TOO BAD. IT'S PRODUCER.
YOU PROBABLY WANNA BE A NEWS REPORTER NEXT MONTH.
WHATEVER. LET'S NOT SWEAT THE DETAILS.
I'M NOT REALLY WESTERN.
UH, YOU KNOW.
GOOD FOR YOU. YOU FOUND A BUDDY.
IT'S LIKE EAST MEETS WEST.
AND HE'S EVEN GOT A NAME LIKE YOURS.
HE'S THE GUY WHO PICKED UP YOUR TESTS LAST TIME, RIGHT?
OUR SCHOOL'S GOT A LOT OF STUDENTS, SO THERE ARE A TON OF GUYS WE DON'T KNOW
ANYWAY,
I'M SURPRISED YOU EVEN FOUND THAT OUT

YOU SHOULD REALLY STOP PUTTING ALL THAT EFFORT INTO USELESS STUFF LIKE THIS
AND PUT MORE INTO YOUR STUDIES
WAIT, DID YOU JUST ASK HIM ALL THIS DIRECTLY!?
OH, I SEE—NOT! FIRST, I DON'T SEE WHY YOU'RE EVEN INVESTIGATIN-
I'VE GOT A FRIEND IN THE SCIENCE&MATH PROGRAM, SO SOMETIMES WHEN I GO TO SEE HIM, THAT GUY'S THERE
LIKE I WOULD DO THAT. I ASKED MY FRIEND IN THE SCIENCE PROGRAM
holds out
HUH?
WELL, ANYWAY, I DON'T NEED THIS, SO HERE YOU GO.
...
GOING TO THE BATHROOM.
clatter
NO, I MEAN, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH IT?

ANYWAY, EIGHT-MAN ...
IT'S NOTHING.
HIS NAME JUST CAUGHT MY EYE IS ALL.
SHOULD BE YOU, RIGHT?
Hatta Tomoya.
Science Program, 3rd
Class A. Born October 8th.
BUT,
-3-

WE'RE IN DIFFERENT PROGRAMS, SO I'VE GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM.

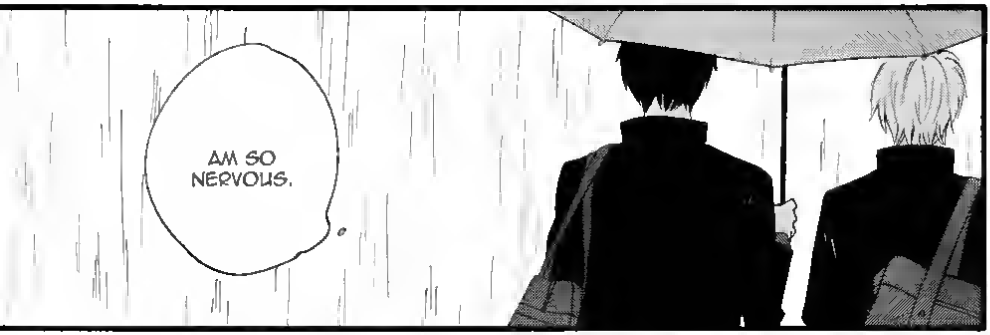
Probably up until now,

WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN PASSING EACH OTHER BY LIKE THIS.
...WELL,
SO I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY.
POURS
WHAT? IT'S RAIN-ING?
THEY SAID IT WOULDN'T RAIN.
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S GONNA STOP
DID YOU BRING AN UMBREL-LA?
NO.

GOOD FOR ME I BROUGHT AN UMBRELLA.
flap
HEY, HOLD ON!
AH, WAITWAIT-WAIT!
EIGHT-MAN!
HUH?
SPLASH

UNTIL THE STATION?
CAN I STAY UNDER
...S-
....
SURE, BUT YOU SURPRISED ME.
AHAHA.
THANK GOODNESS. I HAD TO GET BACK EARLY TODAY.
GOOD JOB BRINGING AN UMBRELLA.
DID THEY SAY IT WAS GONNA RAIN?
NO, THIS WAS JUST LAYING THERE
I ONLY USE IT ONCE IN A WHILE
BEFORE THIS, I THOUGHT IT'D BE A GOOD DAY
YOU'VE GOT THE BEST TIMING IN THE WORLD AS EXPECTED OF MR. EIGHT-MAN
HACHI...

IT'S ALL THANKS TO THAT MORON THAT I
ANYWAY,
Hatta
Science
AND HERE I THOUGHT I WOULDN'T GET INVOLVED WITH HIM ANYMORE


AM SO NERVOUS.

SINCE WE'RE IN DIFFERENT PROGRAMS.
COME TO THINK OF IT, ME TOO.
THIS MIGHT BE MY FIRST TIME ACTUALLY TALKING TO SOMEONE OUTSIDE OF MY PROGRAM
THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE IN THE SCIENCE PROGRAM, SO WE'RE BASICALLY HANGING AROUND THE SAME PEOPLE
LUCKY. THERE'RE A LOT OF PEOPLE.
OHH, SO YOU'RE IN THE ARTS.

I'M A BIT HAPPY ABOUT THIS.
THAT'S WHY
OH.
WELL, THAT'S JUST WHAT I THINK.
....
NAH.
WE EVEN HAVE SIMILAR NAMES.
ANYWAY,
AREN'T YOU MORE OF AN EIGHT-MAN THAN ME?
OH.
YOU NO-TICED?
WELL YEAH. THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS.
AND YOU'VE EVEN GOT THE WORD 'EIGHT' IN YOUR NAME.
HUH?

THAT JERK...!
UM...
UH...
THE PAPE- ... NO.
NO.
DID I MENTION MY NAME?
....
HOW DO I SAY THIS. THAT'S HOW IT IS.
WELL, THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS, BUT
fidget
fidget
fidget
I JUST MAN-AGED TO HAPPEN UPON IT. I HEARD SOMEONE SAY IT AND IT JUST STAYED WITH ME.
PFFT.
HOW FLUS-TERED CAN YOU GET.
I DIDN'T THINK TOO MUCH ABOUT IT. WE'RE IN THE SAME SCHOOL SO IT'S NOT STRANGE IF YOU KNOW MY NAME.
HUH?

WELL, EIGHTO IS EXACTLY HOW IT IS.
MY NAME'S HATTA, SO THEY CALL ME HACHI.
THAT'S RIGHT.
....
IT'S NOT JUST YOUR NAME
Like I can say that
YEAH?
...HEY.
MY NAME IS...
fwoosh

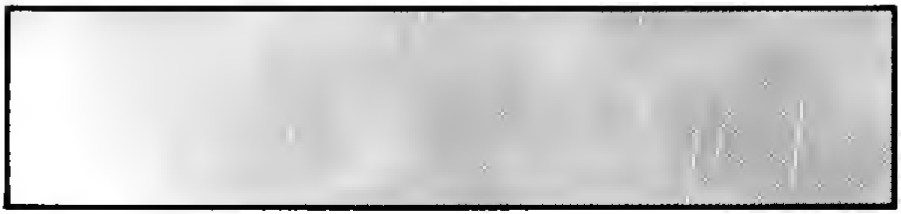
FLAP

pours
....
....

AHAHA.
STRAIGHT OUT OF A COMEDY.
It's all messed-up
YOU SERIOUS? WE WERE ALMOST AT THE STATION.
EIGHTO.

THAT SNAPPED IN ONE O.
PFF.

LET'S RUN.



BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

WHAT LINE ARE YOU?
OH, I'M OVER THERE
SO I GUESS HERE'S WHERE WE PART.
YEAH.
THANKS. I OWE YOU ONE.
N-NO.
HUH?
FOR REAL?
MY UMBRELLA'S DEAD.
WELL, IT WASN'T SOME AMAZING UMBRELLA ANYWAY

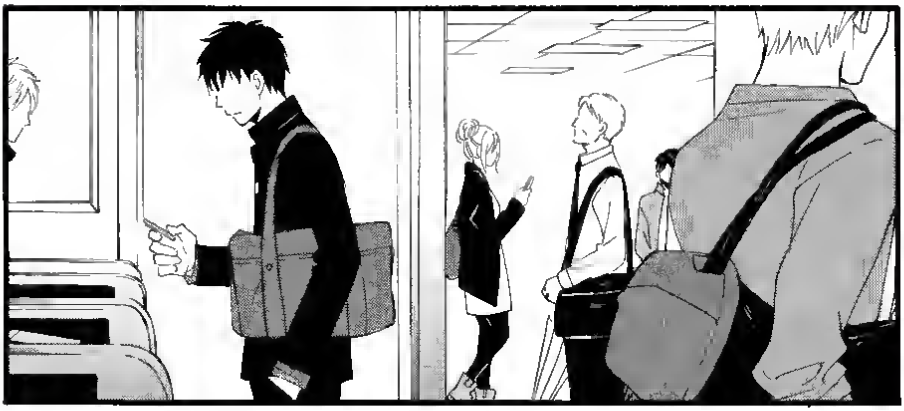
IT'S NOTHING.

NAH.

I hated it as a kid, but I couldn't do anything about it.

When people see my name, they've already decided what they'll call me.

I'd given up and I got used to it.



EIGHTO.
SEE YA,
26.3.31
Tachibana Akito
¥36,580
25 10.1
BEEP

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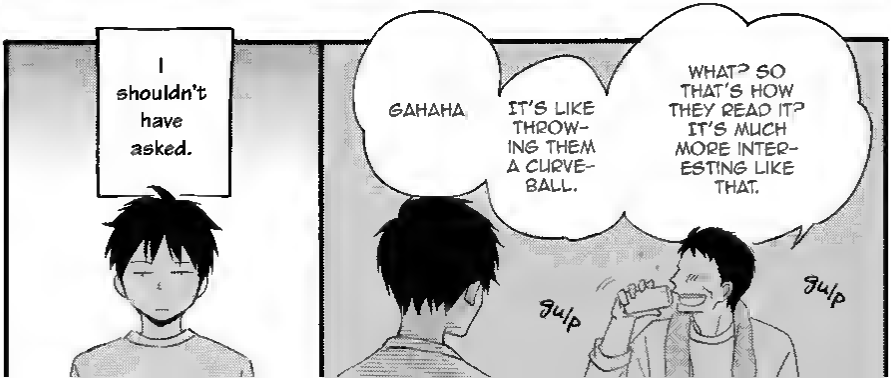
translator: *hoshikuzuu*
cleaner: *chocolla*
typo-sutter: *kimeminole*

So I asked my dad for advice that night.

And I thought maybe even this stupid name had a purpose.

When I was in middle school, that topic came up.


I shouldn't have asked.
GAHAHA
IT'S LIKE THROWING THEM A CURVEBALL.
WHAT? SO THAT'S HOW THEY READ IT? IT'S MUCH MORE INTERESTING LIKE THAT.
Gulp
Gulp

call.
2

FURUYA NAGISA presents

number call

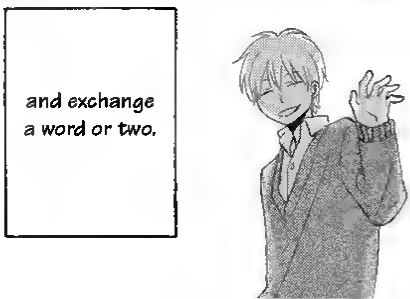
12345679

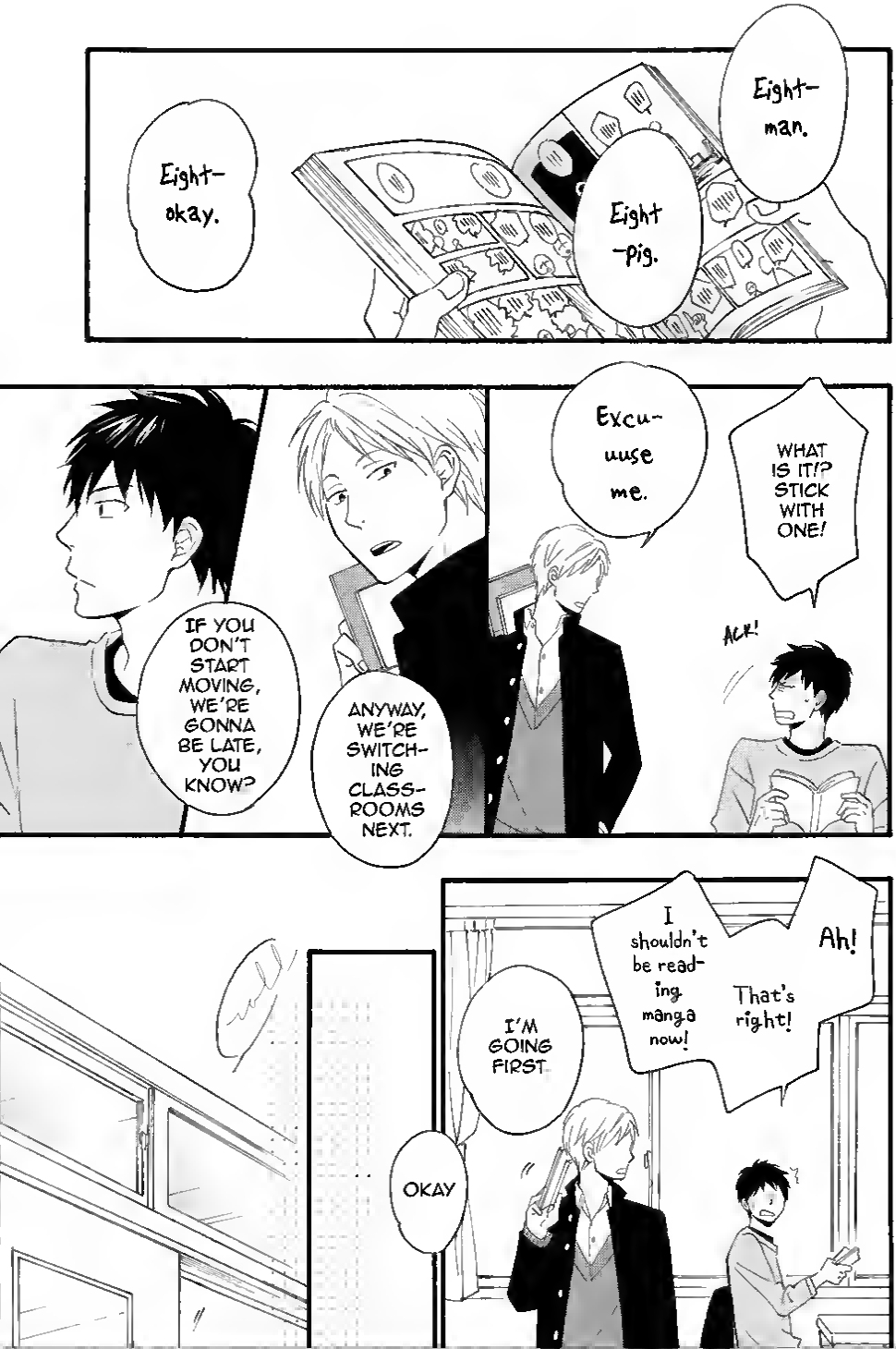
I CAN'T COPY THAT.
YEAH. I'M ALWAYS RESISTING THE DESIRE TO CRACK UP.
PFFT.
HIS VOICE SOMETIMES CRACKS, RIGHT?
YEAH.
THAT'S THE ENGLISH TEACHER, TAJIMA-SENSEI, YOU KNOW?
OKAY.
I'M HEADING THIS WAY.
OH.
Ever since then,
GOOD MORNING, EIGHTO-DONO!
WHAT LOVELY WEATHER WE HAVE TODAY!
Who're you supposed to be?
HOW DULL, EIGHTO-DONO!
How noisy, Yokoi-dono.
Ping
Ow!
SL-
AP
Sweak

HUH.
WE SEEM TO BE MEETING A LOT TODAY.
Whenever we passed each other by, we would greet each other.

PROBA-BLY.
THIS IS PROBABLY A NEW RECORD.
AHAHA.
I SAW YOU IN THE MORNING AND AT LUNCH.
THAT'S FOR SURE.

SEE YA.
SEE YA.
We would greet each other,

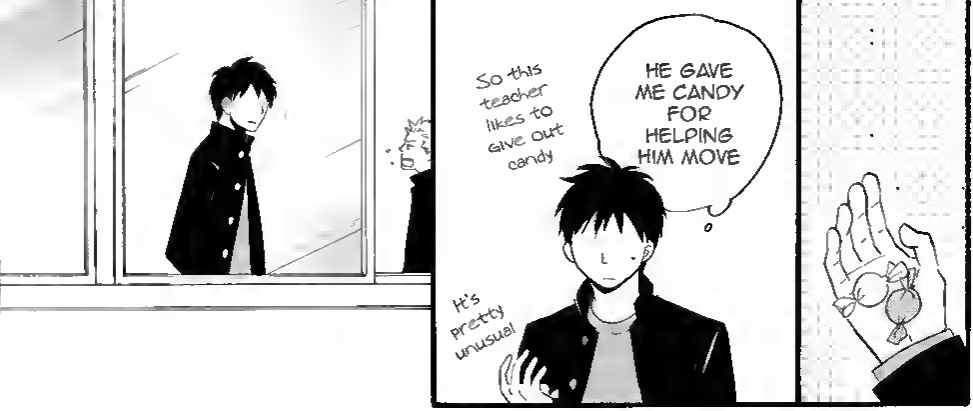

and exchange a word or two.


Eight-man.
Eight-pig.
Eight-okay.
Excu-uuse me.
WHAT IS IT!? STICK WITH ONE!
ACK!
IF YOU DON'T START MOVING, WE'RE GONNA BE LATE, YOU KNOW?
ANYWAY, WE'RE SWITCH-ING CLASS-ROOMS NEXT.
Ah!
I shouldn't be read-ing manga now!
That's right!
I'M GOING FIRST
OKAY

WELL, IF I HURRY, I SHOULD MAKE IT.
THAT TEACHER'S PRETTY ANAL ABOUT BEING LATE.
SHOOT.
I GOT TOO CAUGHT UP IN READING.

Just like this,
and exchange a word or two.
rattle
rattle
rattle
we greet each other,
rattle
THAT'S ALL IT IS.
rattle

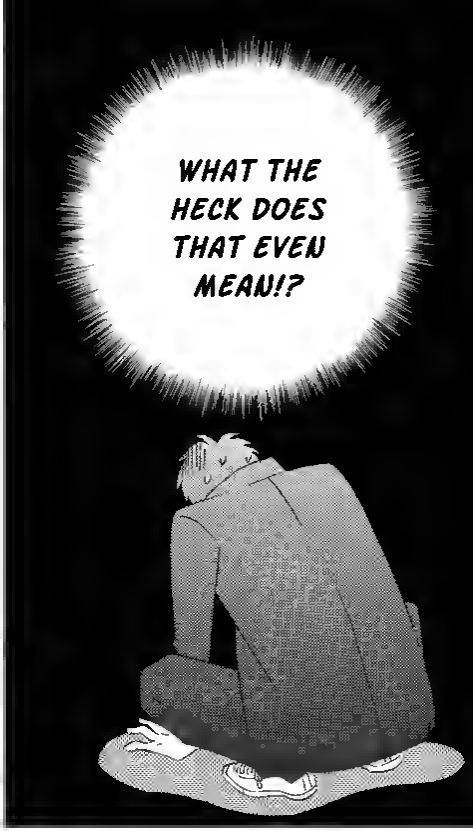
rattle
WELL,
WE'RE FROM DIFFERENT CLASSES AFTER ALL.
rattle
rattle
THAT'S ALL FINE.
REALLY,
THAT'S THE WAY THINGS ARE.
Staff Room
AH, YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT HELP.
THANKS, TACHIBANA!
NO, IT'S FINE.
I'LL BE GOING NOW.
click


So this teacher likes to give out candy
HE GAVE ME CANDY FOR HELPING HIM MOVE
It's pretty unusual

HE'D OBVIOUSLY HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS.
HE DID CALL OUT TO ME.
SEEMS LIKE HE HAS MANY FRIENDS.
MORE IMPORTANTLY,
...LOOKS FUN.
OTHERWISE,
HE WOULDN'T HAVE ASKED TO BORROW AN UMBRELLA FROM A PERSON HE JUST MET.
I'm pretty much
the exact opposite.

WITH HIS ATTITUDE, HE PROBABLY MAKES FRIENDS PRETTY QUICK.
...BUT
THAT'S NOT THE POINT.
Grade 3 Class 5
IF IT WAS BECAUSE I WAS "ME"...
...

NO,
HAVING MANY FRIENDS IS EXPECTED OF A GUY LIKE THAT. WELL, I WOULDN'T KNOW!
WHAT IN THE WORLD AM I SAYING!?
OR I MEAN, THINK-ING!?
FORGET IT!
sweat
sweat


WHAT THE HECK DOES THAT EVEN MEAN!?

HAH, HUP!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? YOU SIT ON ME BEFORE ASKING ANY-THING!?

GO-

AUUG-GGHH.
Is that candy!?
Whaaat?
I smell something sweet!
What's this!?
closing in
DON'T COME NEAR ME, YOU MOOCHERS.
closing in
And Yoko
rattle
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, EIGHTO?
UH.

...I give up.
LET'S EAT IT!
HE'S REALLY GOT SOME!
AH!

SOUN-DS GOOD, NISHI-TANI-KUN.
MAN, I'M STARV-ING. LET'S GET SOME-THING TO EAT.
UGH, I WAS SO SLEEPY IN 6TH PERIOD.
ALRIGHT! LET'S GO HOME.
kang
kong
king

HM?
EIGHTO!
I'LL PASS TODAY
I'M GOING TO THE LIBRARY
WE'RE GONNA GRAB SOME FOOD ON THE WAY HOME. WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WOW. MR. SERIOUS.
AWW, YOU'RE NOT COMING?
NAH, THIS IS NORMAL.
MORE LIKE, YOU GUYS ARE TOO RELAXED!
WE'LL WORK HARD STARTING TOMORROW.
WOW!
See ya!
OK!
Library
roll

IT'S PRETTY CROWD-ED TODAY.
ARE THERE ANY SEATS OPEN?
OH!
EXCUSE ME.
THAT'S THE ONLY SPACE OPEN.
IS THIS SEAT TA-...
-KEN?

HUH?
NOPE!

I SAY THAT, BUT IT'S REALLY ONLY SOME-TIMES.
WELL, I AM AN EXAM STUDENT.
YOU DO YOUR STUDYING HERE?
YOU SCARED ME.
whispering
TO THINK WE'D MEET HERE.
gather
THEN,
AT LEAST THAT'S THE PLAN.
ARE YOU
HEY EIGHTO.
ARE YOU STAY-ING UNTIL IT CLO-SES?

LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER.
Our attention span is basically gone by this time though.
MOST PEOPLE HAVE LEFT.
30 MORE MINUTES.

kong
HM?
HUH?
WAIT A...
finish
HE FELL ASLEEP.
AND,
HE'S SO CLOSE

...
...IT'S NO GOOD.
I CAN'T CON-CEN-TRATE.
HAAAH.
I DOZED OFF
SORRY I FELL ASLEEP ON YOU.
NO, IT'S FINE
WHEN I DO THINGS I HATE, I GET SUPER SLEEPY.
I CAN SYMPA-THIZE WITH THAT.
OH.

rumble
GOT IT.
UH, WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DRINK?
HUH?
AQUAR-ION, I GUESS.
?
HERE.
pass
AS THANKS FOR YOUR UMBRELLA LAST TIME.

THANKS.
OH! I KNOW IT!
I SAW IT!
I LOVE THAT SHOW. I WATCH IT EVERY WEEK!
WHAT? REALLY ?
FOR REAL!?
EVERY TIME I TOLD SOMEONE ABOUT IT, THEY SAID THEY DIDN'T KNOW.

Hahaha, I totally get you.
Wow. Brings back memories~
YEAH, I LIKED HOW THE MAIN CHARACTER WAS A BIT LAME.
NOT TOTALLY LAME, BUT JUST A BIT.
IT GIVES OFF THIS FEELING OF LOCALITY!
YEAH. I THINK I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING HOW NOSTALGIC.
WOW. THAT MAKES ME HAPPY.
YOU'RE THE FIRST GUY I MET WHO WATCHES IT.

AHAHA YEAH.
I REALLY LIKED THE MAIN CHARACTER'S SLIGHT FLAWS AND INABILITIES.
THANK GOODNESS IT WASN'T JUST ME.
NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW IT.

COULD I GET A SIP OF THAT?
TALKING SO MUCH HAS MADE MY THROAT DRY.
HUH?
OH SURE.

WHAT WAS IT CALLED?

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO GAVE IT TO ME IN THE FIRST PLACE.
HEHE
Ah, so good!
Thanks.
YEAH.
PLOP
...WHAT?
NAH.
I JUST THOUGHT THIS WAS LIKE AN IN-DIRECT KISS.
PTOOOH
WAI-
HUH?
WHAT !?
Pfft.

I knew it.
I had an inkling, but
you're the kind of guy who's very easy to bully.
Pfft.
...I'M NOT GONNA DENY THAT.
Sorry to say
...
UH... HATTA ...
HM?
YOU CAN CALL ME HACHI.
I'M ALREADY CALLING YOU EIGHTO.
Oh Okay
I'M SORTA NERVOUS.
HACHI ...
HOW DO I PUT IT... YOU'RE AMAZING.

HM?
AT WHAT?
YOU GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE AND YOU HAVE A TON OF FRIENDS.
AND YOU CAN MAKE FRIENDS QUICKLY WITH ANYONE
WHAT? ME?
YOU THINK SO?
AS FOR ME, I'M PRETTY SHY.
I WOULDN'T DUCK UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF A GUY I BARELY KNOW.
BECAUSE THAT'S AN IMPOSSI-BLE THING FOR ME,
I THINK YOU'RE AMAZ-ING FOR IT.

I CAN'T DO THAT EITHER.
WHAT?
BUT YOU DO.
PEOPLE DO SAY THAT I LOOK LIKE I'M VERY GOOD AT SOCIALIZING.
BUT IN REALITY, I USUALLY ONLY INTERACT WITH PEOPLE I'M USED TO.
I DON'T THINK I COULD MAKE FRIENDS WITH EVERYONE.
I WONDER WHY.
IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE OF YOUR NAME.
PROBABLY.
THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE I'M NOT GOOD WITH.

'me'?

Because it was

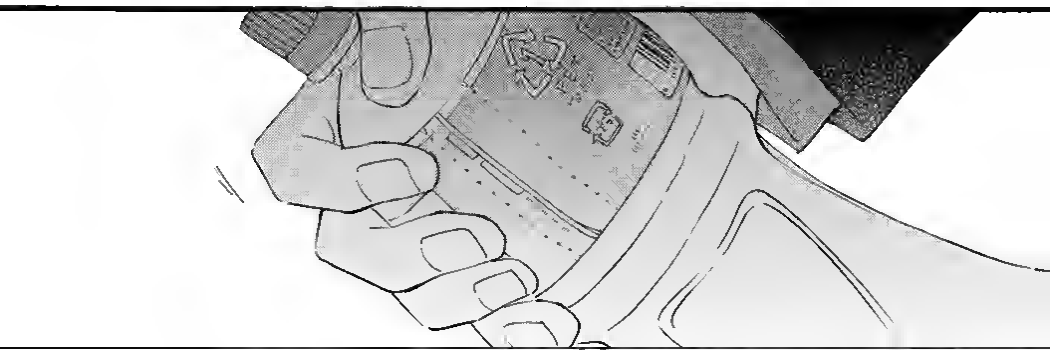
rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle
HUH?
HEY!
rattle
rattle
EIGHTO?
rattle

That's not true.

to like my own name.

I thought that it wasn't possible

But,



It's not as bad

As I thought it was.

YOU JUST STOPPED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD, SO I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T FEELING WELL.
SORRY, SOME-THING GOT STUCK IN MY SHOE
OH THAT'S WHY.
YOU WERE LOOKING REALLY GLOOMY.
HUH?
NO, IT DOESN'T MATTER!

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EIGHTO.
YOU'RE BEING CALLED.
Grade 3 Class 5
HUH?

ナンバーコール

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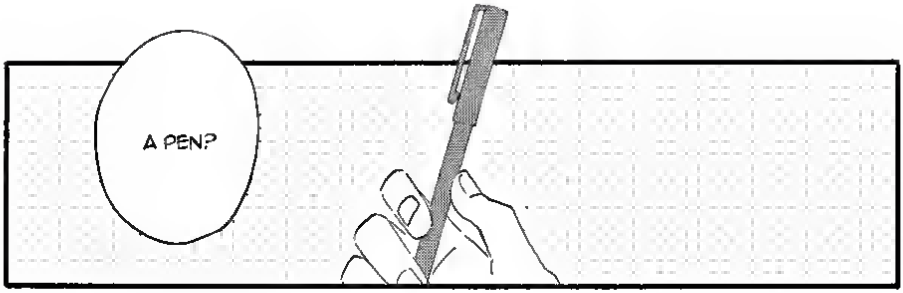

A PEN?

YEAH.
I GRABBED THE WRONG ONE YESTERDAY
THIS ONE'S YOURS, RIGHT?
YEAH.
I DIDN'T NOTICE AT ALL.
SORRY YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY.
NO IT'S FINE.

IT JUST FEELS DIFFERENT
WHAT PART?
THERE ARE LESS GLASSES!
...OH.

?
smile
WELL, I DID COME TO RETURN YOUR PEN,
BUT I REALLY WANTED TO CHECK OUT YOUR CLASSROOM.

I WAS ALWAYS JEALOUS OF THOSE DOZING OFF BY THE WINDOW
WHAT? HOW LUCKY. I'VE NEVER SAT THERE.
THE VERY BACK NEXT TO THE WINDOW.
WHERE DO YOU SIT?

PFFT.
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE.
YOU GUYS SEEM LIKE YOU'D HAVE INTERESTING LESSONS!
WELL I DON'T DO THAT.
IT'S SORTA A WASTE.
ding dong
ding dong

THANKS FOR THE PEN!
MHM.
OH.
SEE YA.
TIME TO GO.
OH, THAT'S THE BELL.

I NEVER THOUGHT THAT
HE WOULD COME TO MY CLASS.
IT'S LIKE
WHAT?
THAT'S ALL IT WAS,
EIIIIGGGHHHT-TOOO-KUUU-UN.
creep
ARE YOU SOME GHOST!?
HMM?
HEHE HE.
YOU AL-READY KNOW THIS, BUT YOU PISS ME OFF.
WAS THAT THE TEST GUY?
AND NOW HE'S RE-TURNING YOUR PEN.
...WHICH MEANS,
Sto eaves drop pin

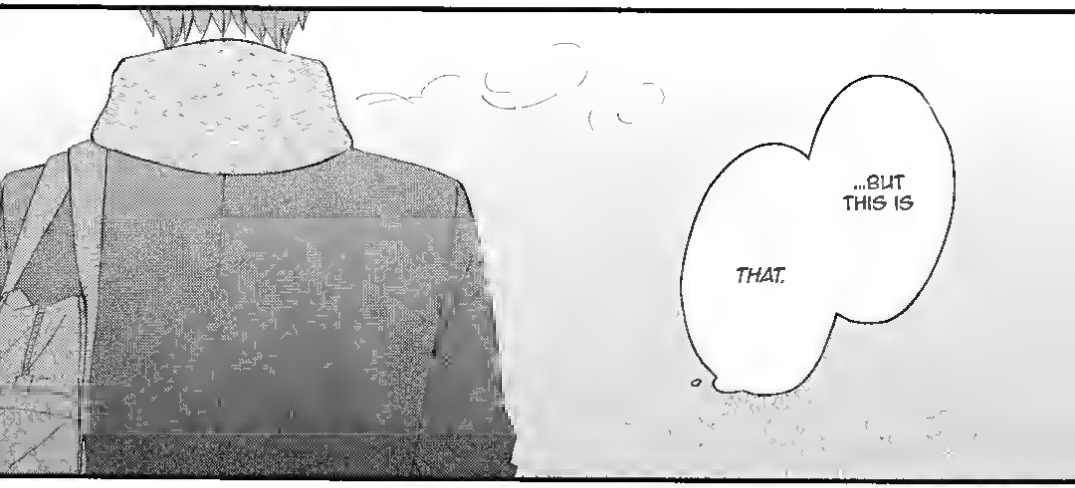
HMM? WHEN DID YOU TWO GET SO FRIENDLY?
DON'T TELL ME THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO EXCITED ABOUT GOING TO THE LIBRARY LATELY?
WELL I'M JUST JOKING AROUND,
BUT IT REALLY IS SURPRISING HOW CLOSE YOU TWO'VE GOTTEN.
YOU'RE HEAVY.
ANYWAY, CLASS IS STARTING, SO DROP IT.
OH?
WELL, IT JUST HAPPENED
THAT'S RARE FOR YOU.
grin
grin

YOU'VE ALREADY BECOME GOOD FRIENDS.

HEY!
GET TO CLASS YOU TWO!
OKAY!
ding dong
ding dong
...FRIENDS,
HUH.

Nothing strange about it.
YEAH.
WE'RE... FRIENDS.
Our meeting may have been unconventional,
but everything afterward was normal.
Nothing strange about it.

That's how it's supposed to be.



But something feels off.

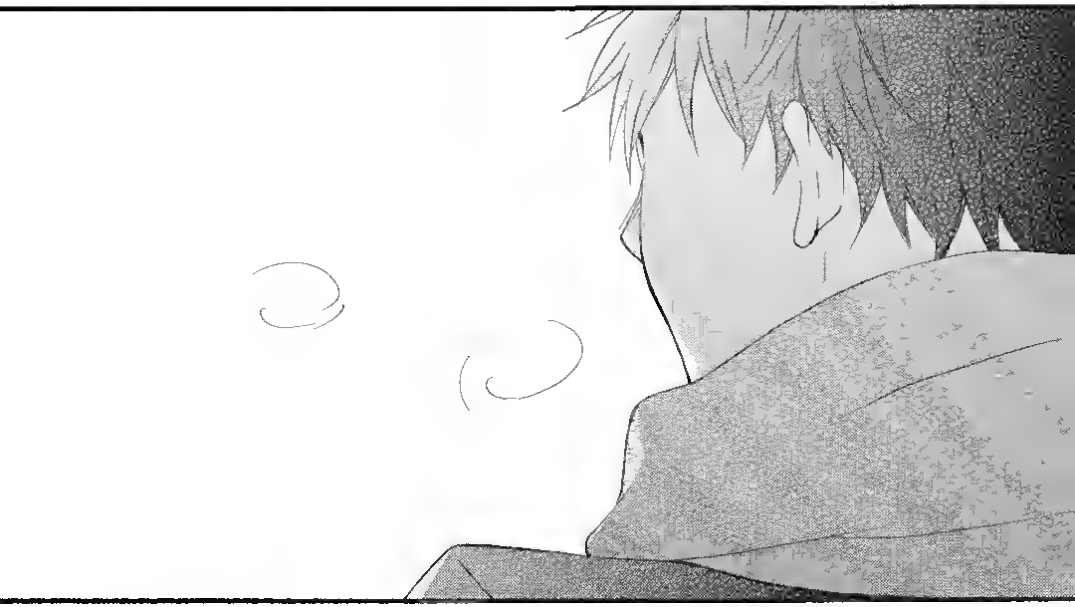
HUH?
WHAT?
WAS THIS CUT OUT?
HUH?
I LEFT IT THERE?
That was close
GOOD THING I DIDN'T LET ANYONE BORROW IT
...IF WE HAD DIFFERENT NAMES,
You've already become good friends.

I wonder if we would have gotten to know each other?

THAT'S WHY I JUST SORTA ASKED YOU FOR HELP.
MY ENGLISH SUCKS, SO YOU WERE A HUGE HELP.
YEAH, IT'S EASY TO UNDERSTAND.
O-OH.
I GUESS I'M GLAD I COULD HELP.
WHAT?
REALLY?
YOU KNOW, I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT SO, BUT YOU ARE REALLY GOOD AT TEACHING.
Ever since we first met in the library,
we've been studying together and walking home together.
YOU'VE GOT YOUR OWN STUDIES TO WORRY ABOUT.
YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE.
IT'S LIKE YOU ALWAYS JUST END UP TEACHING ME.
HUH?
OH, BUT THERE'S THAT.

That's because I look forward to it, so it's not a waste of time.

Huh?



Is this what friends are?

HERE.
..YEAH I AM.
WHAT, YOU'RE NOT HUNGRY?
WHY ME?
HUH?
OKAY THEN, EAT UP!
OKAY, HOW MUCH.
chew
chew
NO NEED. MY TREAT
AND, IT TASTES BETTER WHEN YOU EAT TOGETHER.
'CAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS TUTORING ME,

Phrase is harsh.
With a smiling face.
MEAT BUNS HAVE GOTTA BE MY FA-VORITE.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
HM, I GUESS IT'S PROBABLY MEAT BUNS.
This

Oh I see.

YUM.

Not friends.

Track 3, now departing.
For your own safety, please remain behind the white line.
Rattle
Rattle
IT'S GONE.

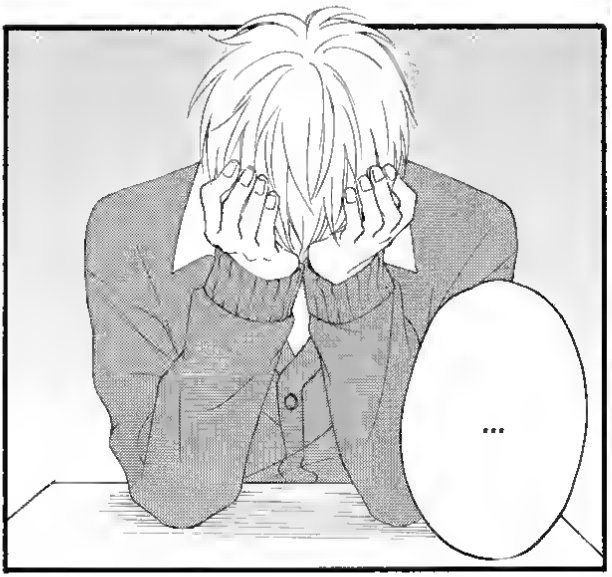
IS GONE.
MY PASS

WHAT?
WHY?
HUH? IT'S REALLY GONE.
rustle
rustle
WHAT!?

pant
DID IT FALL OUT SOME-WHERE?
BECAUSE I JUST PUT IT WHER-EVER.

CHECK YOUR POCK-ETS.
WHERE'D YOU GO IN THE MORN-ING?
UM... I CHECK THEM ALL AND IT'S NOT THERE.
UH... I CAN'T REMEM-BER.

THIS SUCKS. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO LAST UNTIL GRADUATION.
THAT SUCKS.
YOU WANNA GO BACK?
UM...
BUT IT'S ALREADY DARK AND WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE ANYTHING.
AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE I COULD'VE DROPPED IT.
...
ANYWAY, GUESS I'LL BUY A TICKET TODAY.
I START LOOKING WHEN I GO TO SCHOOL TOMORROW.

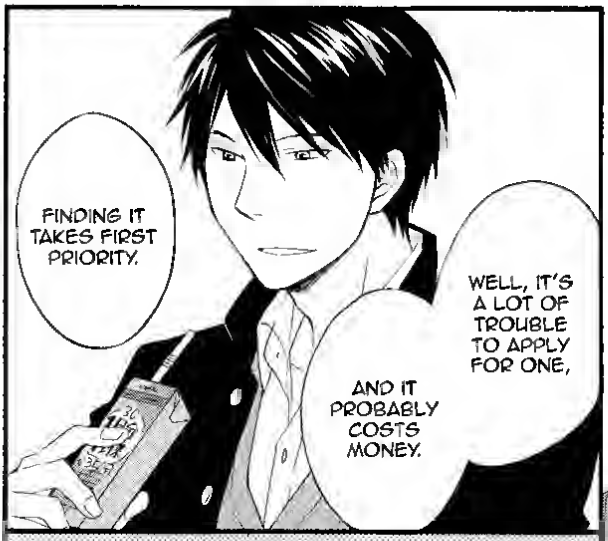

...

IT'S NO-WHERE.
OR MORE LIKE,
WITH THIS WIND, IT PROBABLY JUST FLEW OFF.
AND THEN I'LL NEVER FIND IT!!
AUGH, I SHOULD'VE LOOKED FOR IT YESTERDAY.
UGGHH.

WHOOSH
Woah
My skirt's blowing up
Ngh
What is this!?

MORNIN'.
thunk
YO HACHI.
HM?
YOU'RE REALLY NOT FEELING WELL?
YOU'RE LOOKING HEALTHY AS ALWAYS.
MORNING KISSHI.
OH.
WHAT'S UP? YOU'RE LOOKING PARTICULARLY DULL.
YOU LOST YOUR PASS?
slurp

HMM... I GOT SO USED TO NOT HAVING IT IN ONE.
I'LL DO THAT THIS TIME.
REALLY?
YOU SHOULD'VE PUT IT IN A CASE.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU LEAVE IT OUT BARE.


FINDING IT TAKES FIRST PRIORITY.
WELL, IT'S A LOT OF TROUBLE TO APPLY FOR ONE,
AND IT PROBABLY COSTS MONEY.

AND YOU CAN'T GET IT REPLACED?
PROBABLY.
I'LL LOOK FOR IT AFTER SCHOOL TODAY AND IF I DON'T FIND IT, I'LL DO THAT.

OH.
IF I FIND IT, GET ME SOME VEGGIE JUICE.
I'LL KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR IT.
SOMETHING CHEAPER!
THANKS KISSHI.

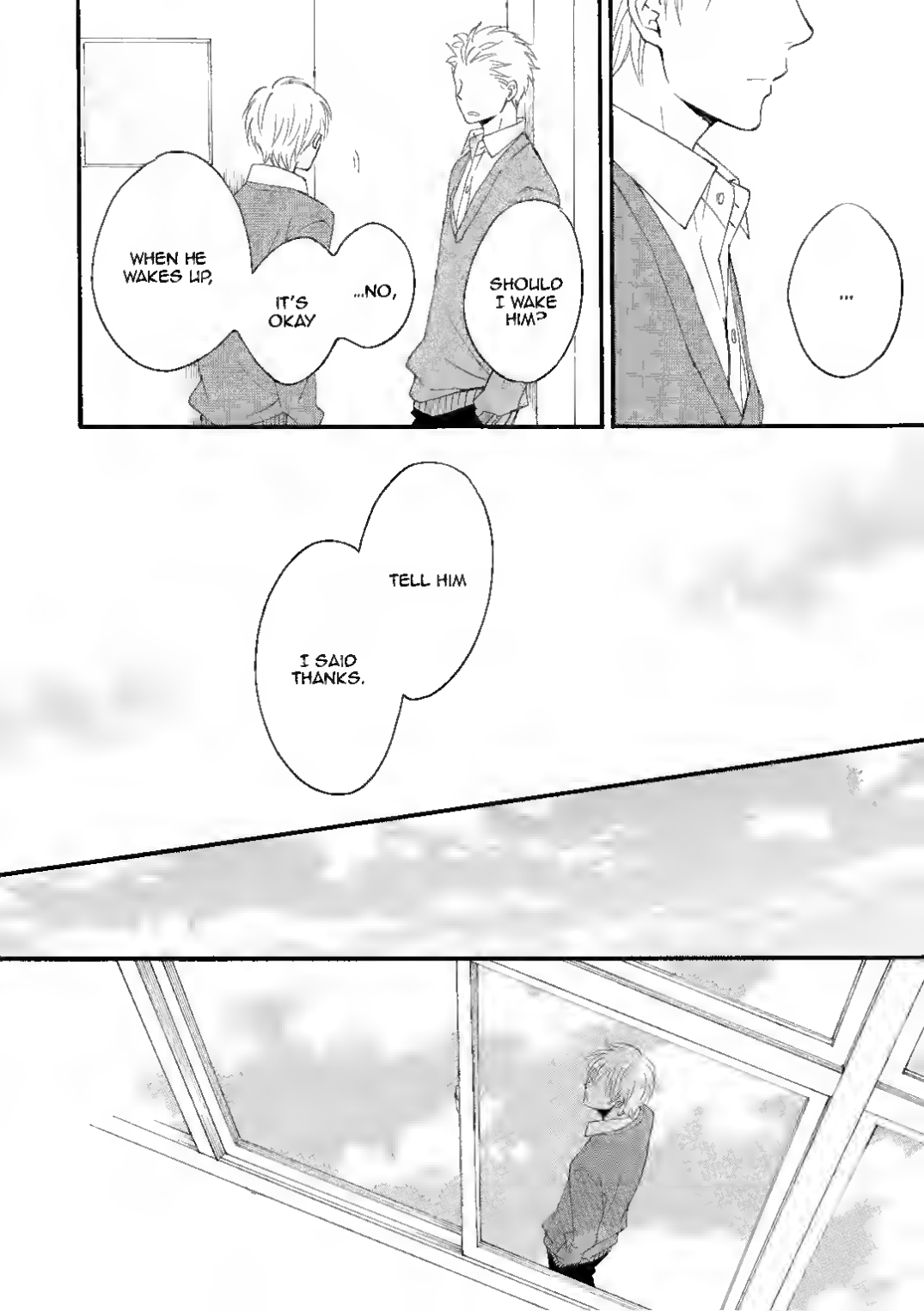
yawn
HEY YOU LOOK TIRED.
YEAH.
I GOT UP EARLIER THAN USUAL TO LOOK FOR IT.
AND THEN IT'S THIS WINDY.
I'M SURPRISED YOU HAVEN'T TURNED GREEN FROM DRINKING ALL THOSE
AWW, I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH
I SHOULD'VE BOUGHT ANOTHER ONE.
suck
I'M GONNA TAKE A PISS TO WAKE MYSELF UP.
HOMEROOM'S ABOUT TO START, SO YOU BETTER HURRY.
CAN YOU ANSWER FOR ME DURING ATTENDANCE?
HE'LL KNOW RIGHT AWAY.
AHAHA.
ROLL

HUH?
AH.
WHAT?

HUH? EIGHTO?
WHY'RE YOU HERE? AND WHAT'S UP?
OH, UM,
OF COURSE YOU'D SCARE ME AFTER OPENING THE DOOR
SO SUD-DENLY.
HERE.
Rustle
I FOUND IT.

BYE THEN.
ding dong
ding dong
...

EIGHTO?
?
OH.
WELL, HE'S TECHNICALLY HERE
I wonder what happened
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING HIM SLEEP THIS MUCH.
HE NEVER SLEEPS DURING CLASS,
HE'S BEEN SLEEPING SINCE MORNING.


WHEN HE WAKES UP,
IT'S OKAY
...NO,
SHOULD I WAKE HIM?
...
TELL HIM
I SAID THANKS.

WAS HE RUNNING?
HE WAS PROBABLY SEARCHING FRANTICALLY.
ESPECIALLY SINCE THE WIND WAS SO STRONG.
HE'S GOT BAGS UNDER HIS EYES...
AND LINES.
AND HE LOOKED OUT OF BREATH.
HOW EARLY DID HE WAKE UP?

But,

More than that,

HE'S AN IDIOT.

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I've loved numbers
since I was a kid.

I was really fond of it.

HACHI.
And it was fitting for a person.
HUH?
EIGHTO?
THAT LOOKS HEAVY, YOU SURE YOU'RE FINE?
YEAH, MY TEACHER ASKED ME TO HELP HIM MOVE THESE
SO I THOUGHT I COULD FINISH IN ONE TRIP
...BUT IT'S STILL HEAVY, RIGHT?
...YEAH, A BIT.
BUT,
I'M
FINE...
wobble

THAT
...WAS CLOSE.
W-
WOAH!
shake
WHUMP
OR NOT.
...
I'M FINE.
...
SORRY.
I JUST MOVED.
WHY ARE YOU APOL-OGIZING?
PFFT.
THANKS.
SNAP
AH!

GIMME HALF.
hup
I'LL HELP YOU.
HUH?
THANK YOU.

I'M ALWAYS GETTING YOUR HELP.
YOU KNOW,

...CAN YOU NOT BRING THAT UP?
WHAT? WHY?
NO, WELL, IT'S JUST EMBARRASSING TO THINK ABOUT.
AND I LOOKED ALL WORN OUT
YEAH.
LIKE NOW, AND WHEN YOU FOUND MY PASS FOR ME
YOU SURE WERE THOROUGH TO FIND IT AT THE PARK BEFORE THE CONVENIENCE STORE.
HUH?
YOU THINK SO?
WHO CARES.
THAT MAKES YOU LOOK COOL.
smile
...
COULD YOU PLEASE STOP THAT?
YOU REMIND ME OF AN IRRITATING SOMEONE
I WAS BEING HONEST
WHAT? THAT HURTS, EIGHTO-KUN.
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?
...

I KNEW IT.
YOU REEK OF DILIGENCE.
BUT IT'S TRUE.
I THOUGHT THAT THE FIRST TIME I MET YOU.
"OH, THIS GUY REEKS OF 'NICE-NESS'."
R-
Reek!?
Like stink?
YEAH IT IS.
NO BUT,
HUH?
OH THAT ...
Oh...
THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL.

IF I WERE A GIRL, I'D DEFINITELY WANT TO DATE SOMEONE LIKE YOU.
WHAT?
YOU THINK SO?
BEING NICE IS ONE THING,
BUT DON'T YOU THINK I'M NOT VERY MANLY?
thud
WOAH.
YOU SCARED ME.

OH.
AND SORRY I CAN'T HELP YOU PICK THEM UP.
THAT'S FINE.
NOTHING BROKE.
...MY BAD.
MY HAND SLIPPED.
IT'S OKAY.
tap
What is it?
Huh?
It's...

This is my first time

Seeing Eighto like this.

COME SPRING, THOSE WHO WANT TO ENJOY, PLEASE HOLD BACK ON THAT.
UM, WINTER BREAK STARTS TOMOR-ROW.
THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST TIME TO ENJOY AND EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING.

Winter break started.

And the New Year came.

3rd Quarter.
Ugh
So cold!
THERE ARE A TON OF TESTS.
I AGREE.
GIMME A BREAK. WE'VE JUST START-ED EXAMS.
EVERY YEAR, IT SNOWS AROUND THIS TIME.
THERE'S GONNA BE A LOT OF SNOW NEXT WEEK.
COME TO THINK OF IT,
TAKEDA WENT OVERSEAS FOR NEW YEAR'S, RIGHT?
HE'S GOT IT EASY.
Despite the pass-ing of time,
And the exams taking place,

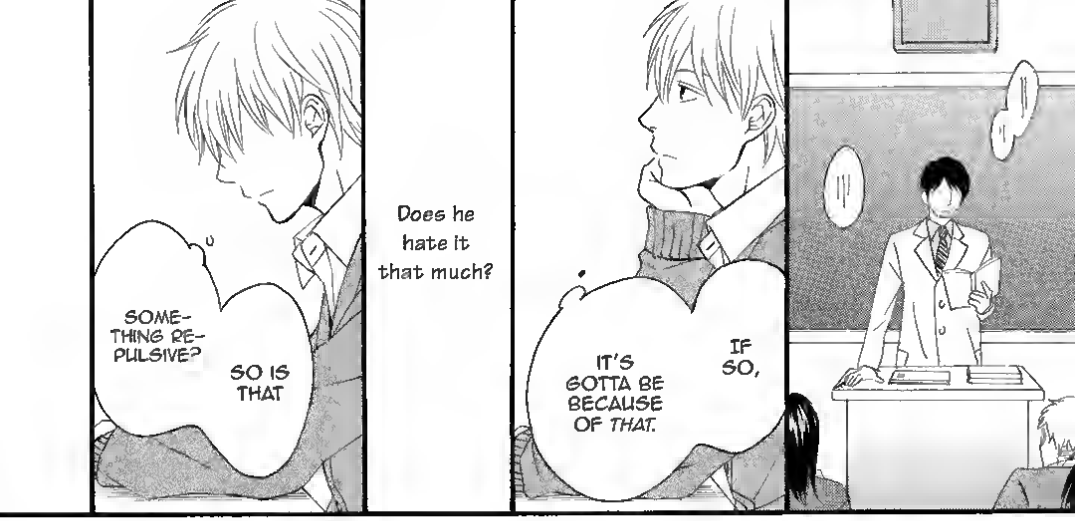
Nothing was achieved.

3RD QUARTER'S STARTED.
HOW WAS YOUR BREAK?
I DID NOTHING BUT STUDY.
AHAHA, SAME HERE.
FEELS LIKE WE HAVEN'T TALKED IN A WHILE.

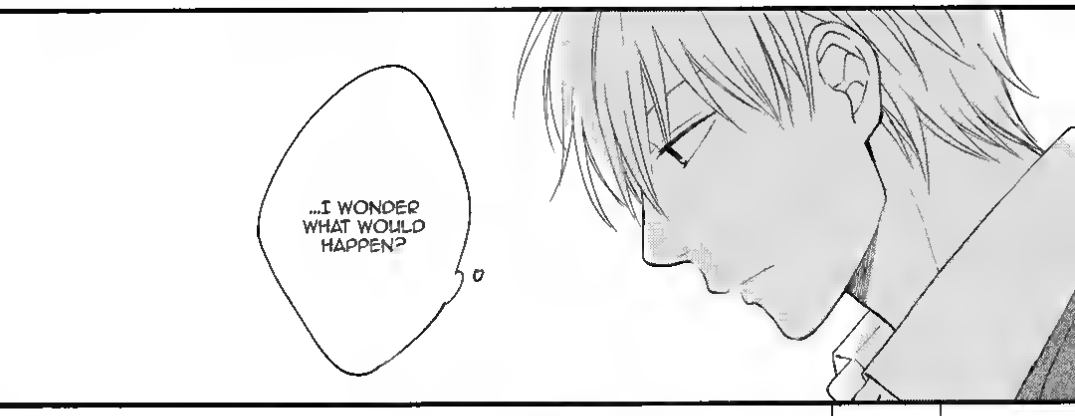
YEAH.

...This is normal.
But something seems off.
HEY. ARE YOU GONNA START GOING TO THE LIBRARY AGAIN?
HUH? LET'S SEE...
Even I can tell.

I'M PROBABLY
NOT GOING TO THE LIBRARY ANYMORE.
WAS WHAT I SAID THAT STRANGE?



What if he said the same thing to me?



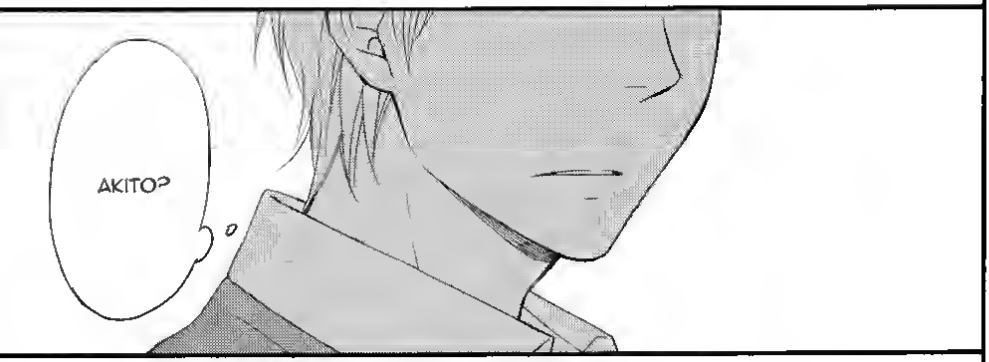
ding dong
ding dong
IN THE BEGIN-NING,
...
EVEN IF I GO...
OH, BUT
I SHOULD HEAD TO THE LIBRARY ONCE IN A WHILE

I ONLY WENT TO DO SOME STUDYING...
OH.
HEY!
HE'S WITH FRIENDS.
I GUESS I CAN'T GO OVER NOW.

TACHIBANA!
SENSEI?
WHICH TA-CHIBANA ARE YOU CALLING?
HUH? OH YEAH.
YOU'RE BOTH TA-CHIBANA.
UM...
I'M TALKING ABOUT AKITO!

ME?
YOU MEAN ME?
COULD YOU COME TO THE STAFF ROOM?
THE STAFF ROOM?
DON'T LOOK SO SCARED.
IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS.
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO CONFIRM WITH YOU
What?
SORRY TO INTERRUPT.
I'M GONNA GO THIS WAY.
OKAY, SEE YA.
MR. "I'M TALKING ABOUT AKITO" TACHIBANA-KUN.

Huh?



Who's that?

Because,

IS IT ABOUT EIGHTO?
ME? WHAT?
YEAH. UM...
CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?
UM, SORRY. I JUST SPOTTED YOU.
EIGHTO'S IN THE CLASS-ROOM.
"EIGHTO" HAS ALWAYS BEEN HIS NICKNAME.
OH. YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
AKITO? IS HIS NAME

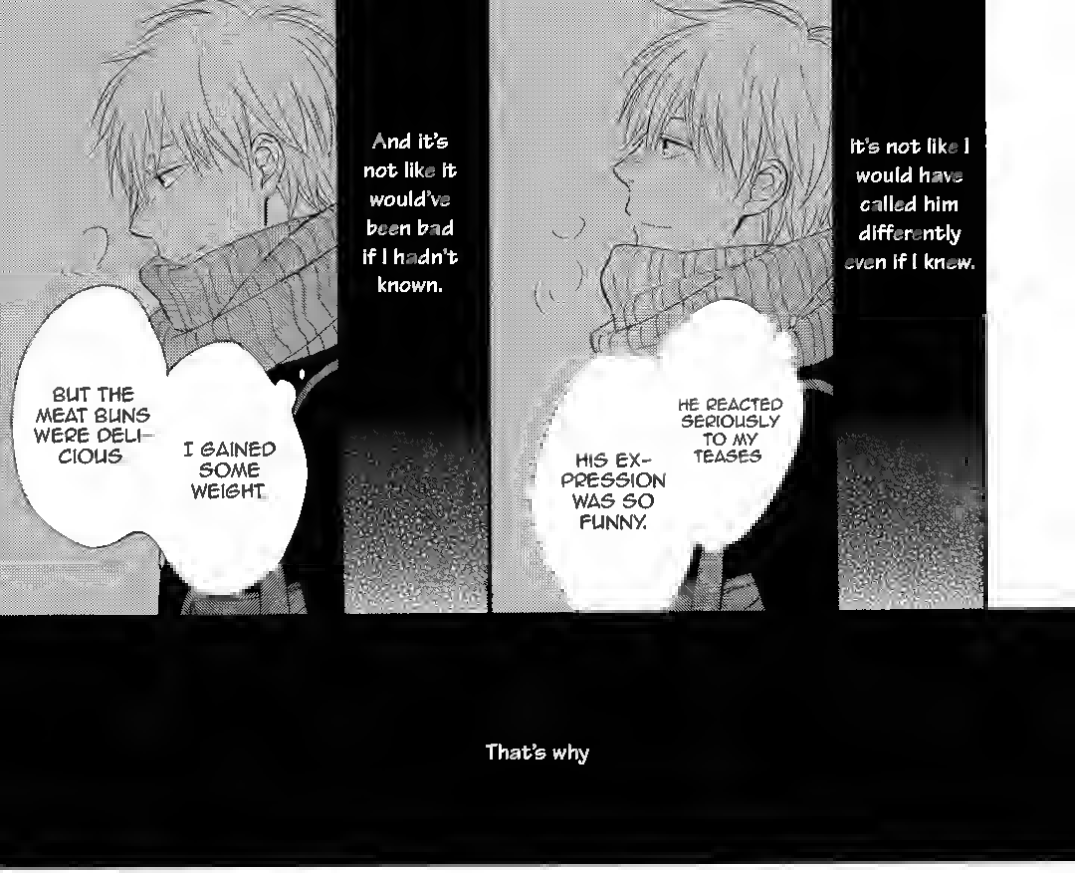
...WELL,
YOU SEE,
HUH?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT?
ANYWAY,
HE ALWAYS MENTIONS THAT IN THE BEGINNING.
THANKS.
...I SEE.

HACHI.
HEY.
HACHI.
HUH?
CLASS ENDED AGES AGO.
ARE YOU AWAKE?
WHAT?
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
I WAS SO TIRED I JUST DOZED OFF.
haha
YOU'VE BEEN LIKE THAT ALL DAY TODAY.
HUH? REALLY?

WELL, WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER FOR 3 YEARS.
I THINK I'D KNOW YOU BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.
ISN'T THAT HOW I AM ALL THE TIME?
YOU ALWAYS BRUSH PEOPLE OFF LIKE THAT WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS.
SO IT'S A RARE SIGHT.
LIKE ACTING LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED.
HOW DO I PUT IT,
....HUH?
SORRY, I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE BEEN DUMPED.
LIBRARY

...LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT SNOW.
WHAT'S UP WITH THIS COLD-NESS?
SO COLD!
SHI-
VER
step
...
...IT WAS FUN.
That guy
was always the first to say something.
DURING THIS TIME.
WE USED TO GO HOME TO-GETHER


BUT THE MEAT BUNS WERE DELI-CIOUS
I GAINED SOME WEIGHT
And it's not like it would've been bad if I hadn't known.
HIS EX-PRESSION WAS SO FUNNY.
HE REACTED SERIOUSLY TO MY TEASES
It's not like I would have called him differently even if I knew.
That's why

You look like you've been dumped.

You weren't supposed to make that face.

...IT'S REALLY SNOWING.
THAT REMINDS ME.
IT SAID IT WOULD SNOW LAST WEEK.
I was the only one who didn't know.
WHAT A COLD REASON.
Always

Just
me.

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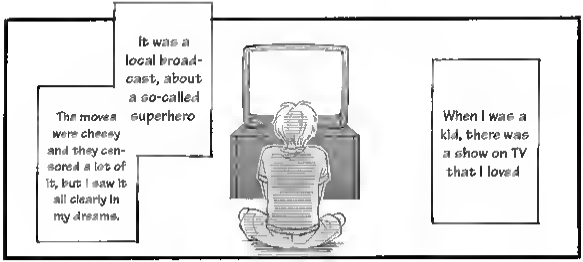
When I was a kid, there was a show on TV that I loved
It was a local broadcast, about a so-called superhero
The moves were cheesy and they censored a lot of it, but I saw it all clearly in my dreams.

The main character was naïve and would help whoever was in trouble
I even liked how he was being pushed around. He was this lame but cool superhero
When he does that, he's sorta cool.

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HM?
WHAT IS IT?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY
NOPE, IT'S NOTHING.
I'M GLAD I GOT TO SIT IN YOUR SEAT BEFORE WE GRADUATED.
I TOLD YOU IT'S NOTHING
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY SITTING HERE
WELL, THERE'S NOTHING LEFT IN IT ANYMORE
HEY
THAT WAS QUICK
UGH, GRADUATION'S TOMORROW
I WISH I COULD STAY ANOTHER YEAR
YOU MEAN BE HELD BACK A YEAR?
BETTER PUT,

I WISH I COULD'VE KNOWN YOU EARLIER
HUH?
THAT'S ..
HOW OO I PUT IT..
I WANTED TO CREATE MORE MEM-ORIES

I WANTED TO SPEND MORE OF MY HIGH SCHOOL LIFE WITH YOU.

HACHI
HUH?

DID THAT ADD TO YOUR COLLECTION?
...
HEY
YOU SAID IT SO DON'T FALTER
Though that makes me happy
NO, WELL
THIS SUAVE WAY OF TALKING IS STILL TOO DIFFICULT FOR ME

HAHA
YOU'RE SO INDECISIVE.

HOW WE REALLY DO HAVE AN AFFINITY FOR THE NUMBER 3.
HM?
WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?
MY TASTES HAVEN'T CHANGED.
I GUESS
Now that I think of it,
HM?
The title of the show was "Infinity Man"
I'll tell you this time

End

Afterword

I'm always worried whether something was true

Thank you all for reading my first comic.

What?
Really?
Really?

And I'm always being punk'd in real life.

This isn't some 3D projection, right?
I think it's really there... Right?
Purijo

Hello, nice to meet you.

Furuya here.

Shake
Shake
Shake
Shake

So that's how the two of them came to have their 8-related names.

When I was thinking up their names, I thought, "Then let's make the name into a bit of a joke". So that's how it turned out.

I really liked the origin of the name.

And I'll really like to talk about the naming in this piece.

Finally, I'd like to tell my editor from the publishing team,

my friends,

and all you readers out there. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Until we meet again.

Before I realized it, I'd given all of them nicknames.

This rings true for the main characters too, but I also had a lot of fun drawing their friends.

You're appearing again?

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I PASSED!
YO!
SLAP
YAY EIGHTO-KUN!
YES, YES, CON-GRATS.
OW!
WHAP
YAY YO-KOI-KUN!
WHAP
YAY NISHI-TANI-KUN!

Rest

Reas-sured?

call. 5

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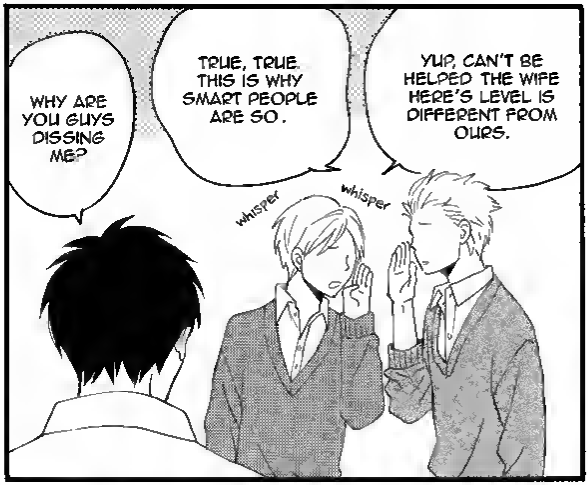
NO HELPING IT. WE'LL BE LONELY.
ME AND YOKOI ARE GOING TO THE SAME UNI-VERSITY,
BUT YOU'RE GOING TO A DIFFERENT ONE.

ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THIS.
ANYWAY, EVERYONE'S ALREADY DECIDED ON THEIR PATHS.


WHY ARE YOU GUYS DISSING ME?
TRUE, TRUE. THIS IS WHY SMART PEOPLE ARE SO.
YUP, CAN'T BE HELPED THE WIFE HERE'S LEVEL IS DIFFERENT FROM OURS.
whisper
whisper

OUR PATHS...

That's so carefree
SOMETHING BIG AND EX-CITING.
DO WHAT?
LET'S GET TOGETHER AT MY PLACE AND DO SOME-THING.

But in the end,

It plagues my mind.

IT'S HATTA-KUN
OH.
THIS GUY..
...
THAT'S IT?
sigh
IT'S HATTA-KUN
I KNOW
turn
...
gulp
gulp

HM?
OH YEAH. YOU KNOW WHAT HAP-PENED LAST TIME?
...
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE TO SAY.

I HAD A CHAT WITH HATTA-KUN
...
WHAT?

HE GRABBED MY HAND WITH THIS SERIOUS FACE ON, AND TOLD ME HE HAD SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT.
WHAAAT? NOTHING LIKE THAT
MY HEART SKIPPED A BEAT.
Eek!
THAT CREEPS ME OUT.
YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING UNNECESSARY, DID YOU?
ACTUALLY,
WHY...
gasp
WHAT DID YOU TALK ABOUT?
clench
IT'S NOT A LIE THOUGH
...

clatter
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY-THING
YOU HAVEN'T SAID TO HIM?
This guy...
YOU AIN'T GETTIN' IT FROM ME.

HUH?
GOT A COUSIN COMING OVER, SO SEE YA.
Whip
OKAY, I

...WAI~
HEY! YOKOI!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN
'ANYTHING I HAVEN'T SAID TO HIM'?
AKITO-KUN.
THE THING YOU'RE MOST SENSITIVE ABOUT,

SOMETHING I HAVEN'T TOLD HIM
THAT'S WHAT HE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT?
WHY WITH YOKOI THOUGH?
SOMETHING I'M SENS-ITIVE ABOUT
WHAT'S THAT?
AND WHY DID HE SUDDEN-LY CALL ME BY MY REAL NAME?
ANYWAY HE NEVER CALLS ME BY THAT

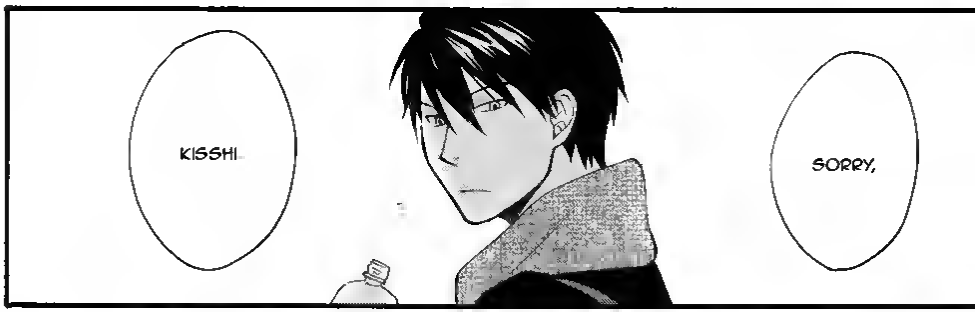
The thing you're most sensitive about,

Akito-kun.

HUH?
Huh?
My
name
'EIGHTO'
Just like that.

IT'S JUST ONCE IN A WHILE.
crack
WHAT A SURPRISE.
HEY SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
vring
THIS FEELS WEIRD YOU'RE ALWAYS DRINKING VEGETABLES.
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I FEEL LIKE A CHANGE.
HAHA
YO.

REMEMBER WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT? TOMORROW AFTER SCHOOL, WE'RE GOING TO YUTAKAN'S HOUSE, RIGHT?
HM?
COME TO THINK OF IT,
TOMOR-ROW?
...
YUTAKAN'S PRETTY AMAZING HE COMES FROM AN ELITE FAMILY
JINGLE
HE SAID HE GOT HIS HANDS ON A BRAND NEW MACHINE. SHOW-OFF.
OH YEAH. EXAMS ARE OVER
...
tap
tap
tap
A TEXT?
HM?


KISSHI
SORRY,

I'LL BE GOING TOMORROW
I DON'T THINK

ding dong
ding dong
Prep Room 2
I LIKE
SAID,
PLEASE LET ME OFF JUST FOR TODAY!
I'M BEGGING YOU!!
THE OTHER TEACHERS ARE BUSY AND THIS HAS TO BE CLEANED NOW, AND TOMORROW'S TOO LATE!
PLEASE FIND SOMEONE ELSE!
TACHIBANA!!
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT THAT CRUEL OF A MAN!
WHAT DO I HAVE TO SAY!?
tug
tug
tug
tug
tug
tug

You too...?
Just give up...
hold
RO LL
ALL THE ONES UP TO NOW WERE MY LAST RESORT!
EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT,
Prep Room 2
...
GEEZ.
WHY TODAY OF ALL DAYS?

IT'S COLD.
rustle
...
Can you come to the roof top after school tomorrow? I've got something to talk about

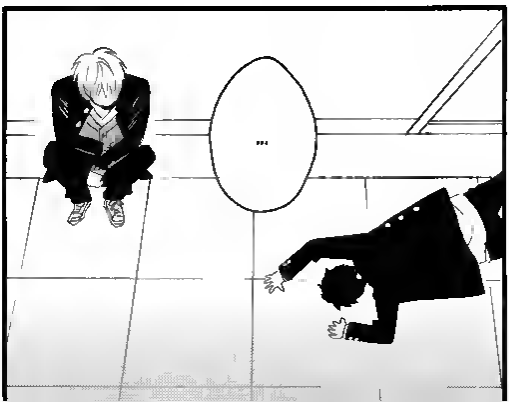
BAM

pant
...NGH.
pant
...

YOU'RE LATE

S-
SORRY FOR BEING
LA-...
bump
WHOMP
-TE!

...


...

PFFT.
UM.
ARE YOU DONE YET?
W-
Well, you were super late and when you finally get here, you fall flat on your face
My stomach hurts
wheeze
was that sneeze?
...
I WAN-NA DIE...
AHH.
I WAS PRETTY NERVOUS,
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THE AIR'S BEEN CLEARED
...

THAT WAS REALLY LAME OF ME
...GEEZ.
I LIKE THAT LAMENESS OF YOURS
BUT

But
I've gotta say it.
SO?
If I say it
I might never see this guy again.
...
WHAT DID YOU WANNA TALK ABOUT?
MY NAME
IS ACTUALLY
AKITO.

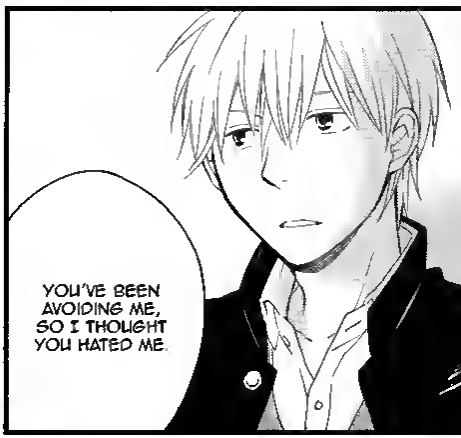
THAT'S HOW IT IS.
BUT I'VE BEEN CALLED EIGHTO SINCE I WAS A KID
AND I DID GET BULLIED A BIT FOR THAT
IN ALL HONESTY, I HATED IT.

BUT IT'S DIFFERENT WHEN YOU CALL ME THAT.
AND THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I THOUGHT LIKE THAT.
SO EVEN WHEN I USUALLY
TELL THEM THAT THEY'RE READING IT WRONG,
...I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO SAY IT TO YOU.
SORRY IF IT SEEMED LIKE I WAS KEEPING IT FROM YOU.

I THOUGHT IF YOU GOT TO KNOW ME THROUGH MY NAME,
THEN IT WASN'T THAT BAD.
THANK YOU.
AS IN, NOT LIKE A FRIEND
I LIKE YOU.

...I
SAID IT.
I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO RAISE MY HEAD.
...THAT'S WEIRD

I CAME HERE READY TO BE DUMPED.



TO ME, IT FELT LIKE A BLOW TO THE HEAD
AND WE WERE BOTH GUYS...
LAST TIME, WHEN YOU SAID IF YOU WERE A GIRL, YOU'D DATE ME
YOU SAID IT JOKINGLY, BUT

SORRY.
I DIDN'T WANT TO CAUSE YOU ANY TROUBLE.
NOT BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T TELL ME YOUR NAME,
BUT BECAUSE I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T KNOW.
...YOU KNOW,
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT,
LIKE,
IT WAS A HUGE SHOCK.

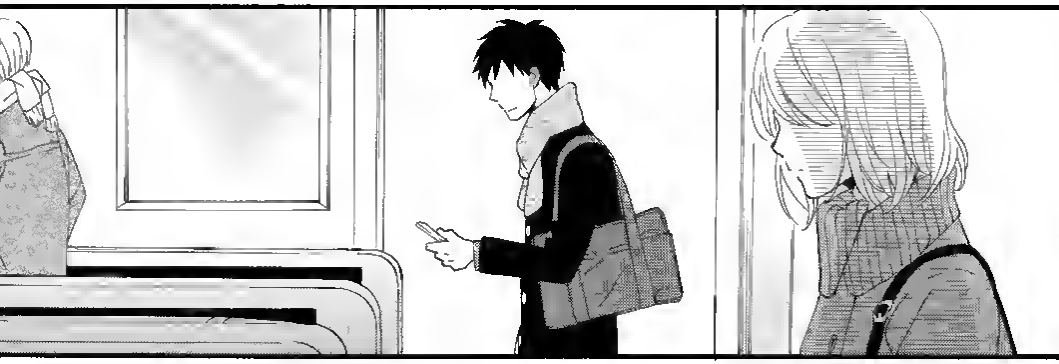
I KEPT WONDERING
WHY?
AND I WAS UPSET AT THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US.
I WANTED TO BE THE ONE WHO KNEW YOU BEST.
WE'RE BOTH GUYS,
YET WHY DO I KEEP THINKING LIKE THAT?
I DID SAY IF I WERE A GIRL,

I STILL THINK THAT
BUT EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT A GIRL,

IT'S GETTING COLD.
UM YEAH, WE'RE OUTSIDE.
EIGHTO-KUN?
UM,
...
BUT, I'M NOT COLD
squeeze
I
LIKE BOTH NAMES.

I'M SO HAPPY.
..YEAH.

WE'VE ONLY A FEW MORE TIMES TO TAKE THIS ROAD HOME
TRUE.
SEEMS LIKE IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING.
GRADUATION JUST CREPT UP ON US.
BUT I HAD FUN IN HIGH SCHOOL
IT'S FULL OF GOOD PEOPLE.
EIGHTO.



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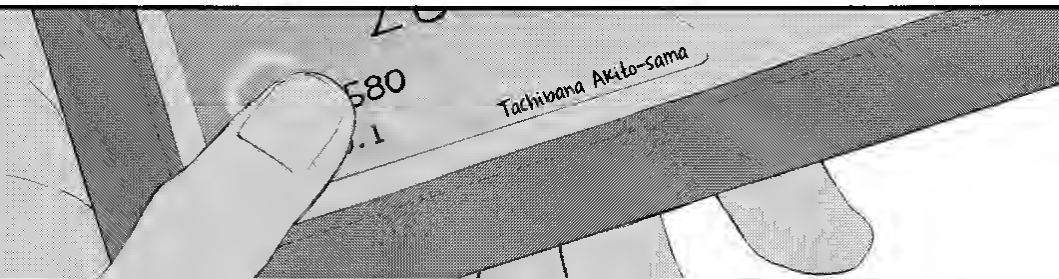
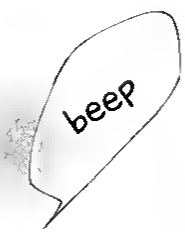


I've got two names.



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NAGISA
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